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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations

SUBJECT : CIA Policy on Attire of Military Personnel in the Washington Area

REFERENCE : Your memo of 19 July 52, same subject

1. The memorandum of 18 March 1952 signed by the Chief, Military Personnel Division was, by its implications, in error, and attention was called to this fact by the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination on 21 March 1952. The Assistant Director for Policy Coordination requested that the wearing of the uniform be made optional for all military personnel and a firm policy statement to that effect be published. An Agency notice was drafted, concurred in by the Deputy Director (Plans), Deputy Director (Intelligence), and the Director of Training, and was published as Notice [REDACTED]

2. The Security Officer, CIA, commented that there was no overriding security reason preventing the wearing of uniforms generally. The intent of the notice of 10 April was, as expressed, that the wearing of the uniform would be optional, and it is the intent of paragraph 6.7, [REDACTED] to reimburse for the purchase of civilian clothing when it is an unusual expense placed upon the individual for security or operational reasons. It is doubtful that many civilian clothing purchases were made between 18 March, the date of the original memorandum, and the notice published 10 April 1952.

3. The Agency notice was not only in response to a direct request of one of the operating offices for an unambiguous policy statement, but was in conformity with the spirit of the Security Officer's observations. Consequently, this office cannot accept claims for reimbursement for purchases of civilian clothing which are not justified on the grounds provided for in paragraph 6.7, [REDACTED]

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